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## PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

NATURE MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS.

By Alfred R. Wallace.

Neither Darwinism nor any other theory in science or philosophy can give more than a secondary explanation of phenomena. Some deeper power or cause has to be postulated.

The mysterious power we term life, which alone renders possible the production of a few of the chemical elements of such diverse fabrics as bone and skin, horn and hair, muscle and nerve, and brain cells, which from a identical soil, water and air, manufactures all the infinitely varied products of the vegetable kingdom, the thousand delicious fruits for our use and enjoyment, the endless woods and fibers, gums, and oils, and resins, to serve the purposes of our ever-developing arts and manufactures, will surely never be explained as man's cause they will be in terms of mere matter and motion.

But beyond even these marvels is the yet greater marvel of that ever-present organizing and guiding power which generates after generation builds up anew that most wonderful congeries of organs, the bird's covering of feathers. No only is a feather a miracle of complex structure in every minutiae part adapted for most important and even vital ends, but it may be safely stated that no two feathers on any bird are absolutely identical, varying in contour, in curvature, in rigidity, in size, by almost imperceptible gradations, so that each fulfills its special purpose. And beyond this, in the great majority of cases these feathers are adorned with colors which are infinitely varied, and which we can often perceive to be of use to the individual, the sex, or the species, that we conclude all to do so.

We must always remember that, where we observe or experiment with tens or hundreds of individuals, nature carries on her work with millions and thousands of millions. She acts simultaneously on all living things, plants as well as animals, that occupy the same area, and always in such a way as to preserve every advantageous variation, however slight, in all those which are destined to continue the race, and to become, step by step, modified into new species. In strict adaptation to the new conditions which are slowly being evolved.

ELECTRICITY VERSUS STEAM.

By H. H. Windsor.

The electrification of steam railroads is steadily becoming a nearer possibility, although the inventors have yet much to accomplish before the motor can replace the engine. The opening wedge comes in the form of electrification of terminals in the largest cities, where conditions of heavy passenger traffic prevail and where the greatest objection made to the smoke-influence. Progress along these lines has been made in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and other large cities are likely to follow in the next few years.

The railroads claim that substitution of electricity for steam on the main lines would have

LIGHT IN DARKNESS.

The darkness still hath light dear, for thine eyes.

Are beautiful as morning! Let me be Their debtor, as the light falls over me.

Not lonely and not lost beneath Love's shade.

I that did sometime deem myself most wise.

Deceit not in darkness, the all wise directly.

These dear twin lights bade Life look

Another morning of a sunless sunset. Let I am nothing, and have never come All grieve of song, of such grace be mine.

All perfect thoughts that lead man to the light.

All striking by the wreath around a name.

Are thine in all their full fruition thine.

Love's sweetest star, unutterably bright.

Atlanta Constitution.

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THE BROOK AND THE MIST.

"How rough you are!" said the Mist, plaintively, and now terribly restless. What pleasure do you find in tearing along as you do, tearing and fretting against your banks and foaming over the rocks in so senseless and impetuous manner? Have you not yet learned that you cannot possibly move them, that you are making a perpetual roar for nothing? Can't you try to run along quietly and get into some pool and rest yourself? You may not be aware of it, but you are a great nuisance, with your everlasting babbling and foolish hurry.

The Brook laughed good-naturedly. "My dear Mist," it said, "you are like a good many silly people I have known and observed in my wanderings. You think that because you are content tolinger lazily among the forests and drift slowly over these peaceful valleys where ever the wind drives you that I ought to adopt your ways and do likewise; that because you are I ought to be satisfied to go sluggish along as you advise and locate permanently in some small lake in the heart of the mountains."

"You will find it much more peaceful," the Mist retorted, huffily, as it settled down softly over a thick bed of daisies bordering the Brook and a great clump of rhododendrons, clinging to the side of the mountain as it rose towering upward toward the blue sky.

The Brook gurgled gravely on. Its spirits depressed, and the Mist sank silently down over the winding stream, while a thrush started to sing its wild, sweet notes, and the long summer twilight began to darken.

Above the rim of the forest the rising moon threw a glamor abroad, which made a young girl, who was



"YOU ARE NOT KEEPING YOUR WOMAN."

heart beat. You are like that cold and impetuous mist. Nothing holds you—and I suppose I will have to let you slip away. Some day you may realize what a man's deep and utter devotion means."

They passed in silence along the path. In the hotel on the summit of the mountain, an orchestra was playing, and people were sauntering about the wide porch and on the lawn in front, enjoying the grandeur of the scenery.

"Idiotic girl!" murmured the Brook. "Can't you see the man is worth a dozen ordinary fellows?" That there is energy and manhood and loyalty in him, and that whatever he did in the exuberance of his early manhood ought to be forgotten on account of his splendid nature? I have mingled with the world these many years, and can distinguish good from bad. That young

Even when work is scarce you will find it everywhere.

A malicious truth may do more harm than an innocent lie.

## THE OLD FLINTLOCKS.

They Seem to Have Done Some Rather Tolerable Shooting.

"These old shooting traps," said a man from Virginia, who was examining an old flintlock rifle, "always have my profound respect. Our grandfathers and great-grandfathers did their hunting with them and used them in our two victorious wars with England. They were always good weapons and are now, if they are equipped with good stock and a good lock. They could do fine service. Any man who was any sort of a marksman could do effective work with them in their day. This fact was well illustrated in an incident that happened several years ago near Richmond. The story was printed in some of the leading newspapers in Virginia and was the cause of much interest."

"There was an old farmer residing in one of the peninsular counties who was coming on the cars to Richmond and had with him one of those old fashioned weapons. In the train he got into conversation with a small party of gentlemen, who expressed much interest in his rifle, and the farmer told of some rather extraordinary feats of marksmanship that he had performed with it."

"Finally he was permitted to give an exhibition of his skill with the rifle, and a trial came off at Rockville in the presence of a few gentlemen. The old flintlock was fired seven times and only missed the mark once. At first the old man fired it at some small objects to get his hand steady, so he said. Then the old fellow handed to his son, who had never fired in his father's skill, a large squirrel and shot him at fifty yards distance, holding the potato between his thumb and forefinger."

"The rifle cracked, and the squirrel was split into several pieces. Another shot was made at the head of a pheasant which the boy was shooting, and the bird was smashed. Several other shots were made at various objects, and only missed the mark once. At first the old man fired it at some small objects to get his hand steady, so he said. Then the old fellow handed to his son, who had never fired in his father's skill, a large squirrel and shot him at fifty yards distance, holding the potato between his thumb and forefinger."

"The old man then declined any further trials of his skill and when offered a sum of money to repeat his feat of shooting a potato from his son's hand refused, saying he didn't care to experiment any further unless his weapon was freshly cleaned. The boy was willing, but the old man was obdurate. The young man showed not the least anxiety during the dangerous experiment upon himself." —Washington Post.

The boy was an ethereal sense organ, the only one we possess, the only mode by which the finer is enabled to appeal to us, and that the exertion of tremors in this medium, the percentage of the direction in which they go, and some inference as to the quality of the object which has excited them cover all that we mean for steam out on the main lines would have.

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SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1909.

If you have any news, arrival and departure of friends, society, or individual news, church, social events, building operations or other news beamed to the city, send it to the Terminal as early as possible, with your signature.

NOTICE—We contract with this paper to be forwarded through outside parties; no agents are employed. Subscribers who may fail to receive their paper are requested to notify this office at once.

The Munnimakers are moving to Richmond.

The front door of Richmond's is a prominent visitor yesterday, is on the east side about Twenty-Third street. Opinions of guests tell this story every day.

### AN IMPORTANT SCHOOL MOVEMENT.

The Terminal gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a most excellent up-to-date treatise, book of references and exhaustive digest entitled, "Conservation of Natural Resources," from the twenty-third biennial report of Hon. Edward Hyatt, superintendent of public instruction of California. A glimpse of the booklet shows that the material for this work was well organized, giving bibliography and statements from men and organizations, following a train of wide and profound experience, and in reading this grand little work one feels like going to the hills and contributing his mite towards conservation of natural waste of resources.

The volume is printed on book paper and is ably illustrated. The frontispiece represents California as a woman directing a youth toward the study of forest, field and stream. Other illustrations in half-tone portray to the mind's eye the forest, field and stream and their relations to waste, bringing to mind that forcible impression that "Willful waste brings woeful want."

Hon. Edward Hyatt is the first state officer to take up this subject of conservation and this treatise has received very high praise from Thomas R. Shipp and Gifford Pinchot, Washington, D. C., and Prof. Hyatt proposes to make this conservation spirit a part of the civic spirit of the country, city, state and nation through the children of the public schools.

The stories of "Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand," "Woodman, Spare That Tree" and so on will have a concrete meaning. The work of "Nature Study" and "Arbor Day" in our school systems will have a more concrete meaning of usefulness to the human race.

Prof. Hyatt in his opening foreword to the people of California says: "My friends, during the past year I have become possessed by the idea that the largest, the most truly patriotic, the most vitally important movement in this nation today is the one looking to the conservation of our natural resources."

It is recommended that this booklet of 98 pages be catalogued and placed in the school library for future reference as a basis for essays and compositions, debates and recitations, readings and memory gems. The Terminal recommends it.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The sessions of the city legislature meet at the city hall in regular session Monday evening and exhibited the workings of the charter system of our city government, showing the work of our city by departments as the city grows larger and the business of our city more

intricate. While our growing city will also assign vessels, President does not show the improvement in dent Taft will be present to open a business way in return for the the festivities and will propose a large amount of money collected to his own composing by taxation, fines and legacies as the historical pageants represent, perhaps it should, nevertheless, setting scenes in the history of capital has not lost hope, as is California beginning with the example shown by its investments in our trance of Gaspar de Portola and borders.

Now that the plums of the present administration have been given which eight entries have already away or decided upon it is up to them to make the aeroplane flights our people to give the new regime the international athletic meet; our hearty support in the hope the decorations and illuminations that taxpayers will get ample reward and the grand ball masque, in time for the money expended, which revellers from all over the by getting an economical government will participate, are but a getting, through the lowest and best few of the features of the round of contracts. The workings of the festivities charter are being closely observed.

The duties of the council were few which has the arrangements not very strenuous, routine, or for the festival in charge has a niggles, communications, passing strenuous task in hand, for entering upon licenses, bonds of pianists, naming the state and keeping open

house for the world are entirely Mrs. Tewkesbury wants Road 26 different matters. The commercial kept open. W. H. Weeks is wanted some more on Carnegie Library organization in every town and city and the individual citizens of the state will be asked to co-operate.

Anti-saloon movement soon. A committee have been kept in line with the committee in the work of the application of names of making the Festival a success, O'Hara to sell funny game was turned down. Temperance or the members of the committee have formed themselves into a lecture bit of a point on the board and bairn, each one volunteering to of the checker board.

Mayor Wills announced the following starting committees: Finance, Owens, Wyatt, Lindewig, Follett, Owens.

Public Buildings, Dooling, P. J. McHugh, Dooling, Retail Liquor License, Lindewig, Hartnett, Dooling, S. J. McHugh, Wyatt, Dooling.

Street, Light and Fire Protection, Hartnett, Water, Wyatt, McHugh, Dooling.

Police, Hartnett, Lindewig, Follett, J. L. Hyatt, Gifford, Follett, Owens.

Health and Sanitation, Follett, Gifford, Hartnett.

It is expected that this campaign will have the effect of arousing every individual Californian to a sense of his personal responsibility for the success of the Portola Festival and of encouraging the co-operation of the individuals so that a "pull-together" spirit may be fostered for the triumph of the Festival and the great benefit of the state at large.

### ATTEND THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Members of Executive Committee to Give Series of Lectures on Coming Festival.

Every Californian to Be Asked to Spread Enthusiasm and "Pull Together."

The Portola Festival, which has grown from a comparatively local celebration to one which, it is predicted, will be "the greatest international function that the world has ever seen," will without doubt be the greatest display advertisement that any community or state has ever had.

Although the festival is to be held in San Francisco, where the world is invited to come and see the wonderful work of rehabilitation, the advertisements in what is undoubtedly our pleasantest month, is for the State. It is sunny, bountiful California on a five days' holiday, and the visitors from less fortunate and energetic countries cannot fail to be interested and its action was not only of interest, but of real practical

A state which can be the home of such energy as shown in the great three years' work of irrigation, and of the great natural bounty shown by the sunshine and temperate climate, and of the happy combination of energy and natural plenty as shown in the bananas and superior fruits and crops cannot fail to impress visiting financiers with money to invest as being a congenial and profitable field.

It is therefore the duty of every citizen of California, the Portola committee believes, to promote the idea at home and abroad as material benefits will accrue therefrom. Every Californian should begin at once an educational campaign and acquaint the world with the joy in store during the five day celebration. As the time for the festival approaches (October 19-23), the plans become more definite, but everyone knows, even now in a general way, what is going to be done.

The great naval pageant in the bay will be one of the greatest spectacles ever seen. England has already promised three warships, France three, Holland one and Japan one. Commissioner Charles C. Moore, who secured these, has already been given semi-official assurances that Germany and Italy

Colorful and varied, devoted much of his time to the meetings of the National Education Congress and similar organizations, was elected vice-president of the conference and was making his headquarters in Richmond last year. This honor was given to him because of the many contributions he has made to the cause of education.

While every commercial organization is entitled to representation at this festival, there are individuals who are sufficiently interested to do without the gates and should, if possible, desire to go to see the exhibits in proper form.

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